

Israeli-Palestinian relations. I am further encouraged that the Palestinian Authority and Egypt seem to agree, and are working to ensure security in post-disengagement Gaza. For these reasons, I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to do the same.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR  
ROSALIE LEVINSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate one of Northwest Indiana's most caring and dedicated citizens, Professor Rosalie Levinson. Her career as a Professor at Valparaiso University has allowed her the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous students, both in and out of the classroom. In honor of her gracious service to Valparaiso University, on May 1, 2004 she was named the first Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg professor of law. Rosalie's appointment was announced during a gala at Chicago's Field Museum celebrating the 125th anniversary of Valparaiso University's School of Law.

Rosalie Levinson has accomplished many visionary goals throughout her career. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Indiana University and her law degree from Valparaiso University. Rosalie has been a law professor at Valparaiso University since 1973. She has argued several civil rights cases before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and is a frequent lecturer on continuing legal education, including the Federal Judicial Center for Federal Judges and the Practice Law Institute programs. Rosalie has team taught with the United States Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Clarence Thomas at the Valparaiso University's study center in Cambridge, England.

Numerous articles written by Rosalie have been published in national law journals. She has co-authored with Professor Bodensteiner a four volume treatise entitled "Civil Rights Liability" and also a textbook entitled "Civil Rights Legislation and Litigation." Rosalie served as chair of the Civil Rights Section of the Association of American Law Schools and as a board member on the Jewish Human Relations Council of Northwest Indiana.

Although Rosalie has served on numerous Law School and University Committees and has donated time to the students at Valparaiso University, she has never neglected to provide support and love to her family. Rosalie and her husband Don have two children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Rosalie has given her time and efforts selflessly to the students at Valparaiso University throughout her years of service. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Professor Rosalie Levinson for her outstanding contributions. I am proud to commend her for her lifetime of service and dedication.

HONORING BILL MCSWEEN

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Bill McSween upon his retirement after 26 years of service to our community.

After graduating from Brown University on a hockey scholarship, Bill McSween served our country in the United States Army. In 1978, the same year he was inducted into the Michigan Amateur Athletic Hall of Fame for his exceptional hockey career, Bill came to the Redford Township Parks and Recreation Department as Assistant Director. In 1992, Bill was promoted to Director of Parks and Recreation.

Over the past 26 years, Bill has left an undeniable mark upon our community. Citizen participation in recreation programs throughout the township has flourished under his direction. Bill successfully negotiated two projects involving school lands being leased to the township for one dollar, which fostered the creation of new recreational programs for both the township and the schools involved; and successfully passed on his passion for sports and recreation to our entire community.

Let there be no doubt: Bill McSween is a paragon of public service.

His wife, Marge, and his children, Katie, Kelly and Bill, should be rightly and extremely proud of the undeniable mark he has left on the life of our community; while, we all will sorely miss and always benefit from his dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. Bill McSween, upon his retirement as Director of Parks and Recreation for Redford Township, for his fine service to our community and our country.

CONCERNS ON THE STATE OF  
IMMIGRATION

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concerns with the alarming state of immigration in this country. As a member of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, I have heard numerous officials testify to the porous state of both our northern and southern borders. For example, the U.S. Border Patrol has reported a jump in illegal migration rates of 25% to 535,000. In Tucson, Arizona alone, the Border Patrol averages daily arrests of 2,000. Border Patrol agents continue to be overworked and understaffed. The U.S. continues to add millions of illegal aliens to its population. We must start taking a hard look at how to handle the influx of people entering into the U.S. I believe that any discussion of our immigration policy should begin with the security of our borders. As we continue to combat terrorism and heightened terrorist threats, we must begin working towards solutions to help our agents and secure our borders.

As the tragic events of 9/11 demonstrated, our immigration system needs a major and

comprehensive review. Our borders are a security gap that must be addressed now. The challenges we face with our immigration policy are well known to Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Administration. The time has come for us to act now on preserving our security and liberty.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF 2004  
LEGRAND SMITH OUTSTANDING  
TEACH AWARD WINNER SCOTT  
GERMAN OF COLDWATER, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, education is the key to our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement partially rests in the hands of our teachers. Today, I would like to recognize a teacher from Coldwater, Michigan who significantly influenced and motivated exceptional students in academics and leadership who were winners of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship.

Scott German teaches Biology at Bronson High School in Bronson, Michigan. He is credited with instilling in students an enthusiasm for not only these subjects, but also for life. As one of his students, Bobby Jo Ludwick said, "Mr. German has taught me the importance of good leadership and community service. The self-confidence that I've gained from his support will play a role in my life everyday. He has taught me that I can make a difference. I thank him for making a difference for me." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Scott's ability to challenge young minds and encourage them to always put forth their best effort.

Scott German's extraordinary work as a teacher has challenged and inspired countless students to move beyond the teenage tendency of superficial study and encourage them to foster deeper thought and connections to the real world. Arguably, no profession is more important because of its daily influence upon the future leaders of our community and our country, and Scott's impact on his students is certainly worthy of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Scott German. We thank him for his continuing dedication to teaching and his willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students to strive for success.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. LESTER R.  
CURTISS AND MRS. MADLYN L.  
CURTISS

HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, with recent dedication of the WWII Memorial and the 60th anniversary of D-Day, all Americans were reminded of the courage and sacrifices made by members of the Greatest Generation. In particular, we've gained a greater appreciation